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1. SOCIALIST DIRECTORATE MEETING DECEMBER 7 CONCLUDED WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF DOCUMENT WITHDRAWING PSI SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT AND SUMMARIZING SOCIALISTS PRESCRIPTION FOR ITS SUCCESSOR. MEETING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS BEEN CALLED FOR 1730 LOCAL TIME. TEXT OF PSI DOCUMENT FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "THE PSI DIRECTORATE, MEETING JANUARY 7, UNDERTOOK AN EXAMINATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION. IT APPROVED THE ADDRESS OF THE SECRETARY OF THE PARTY. THE DIRECTORATE NOTES THAT, IN ADDITION TO THE PROGRESSIVE DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES OF THE MAJORITY, THERE WAS ADDED THE FACT THAT, IN IMPORTANT DECISIONS, AS THOSE CONCERNING THE MEASURES TO CONFRONT THE EVER WORSENING ECONOMIC CRISIS, THE GOVERNMENT HAS ACTED WITHOUT TAKING ANY ACCOUNT OF THE PROPOSALS FORMULATED BY THE PSI, WHICH IS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEVERTHELESS A DECISIVE FORCE IN THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY.

IT (THE GOVERNMENT) HAS INSTEAD ADOPTED ECONOMIC MEASURES WHICH, IN THE PSI'S JUDGMENT, ARE NOT ONLY INADEQUATE TO CONFRONT THE CRISIS, BUT DANGEROUS IN THEMSELVES FOR THEIR EFFECT ON EMPLOYMENT OF THE WORKERS AND FOR THE VERY RECOVERY OF THE ECONOMY.

THEY (THE MEASURES) ENVISION A TYPE OF ECONOMIC POLICY WHICH RISKS MAKING THE CURRENT CRISIS EVEN LESS CONTROLLABLE. ON THE BASIS OF SUCH CONSIDERATION THE DIRECTORATE AFFIRMS THAT THE (GOVERNMENT'S) MAJORITY HAS DISSOLVED, AND THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THE PSI IS NO LONGER A PART OF IT.

THE DIRECTORATE HOLDS THAT THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION DOES NOT REQUIRE ANTICIPATED ELECTIONS, BUT THE SETTING UP OF A GOVERNMENT THAT HAS A SOLID PARLIAMENTARY BASES THAT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE EMERGENCY CHARACTER OF THE SITUATION THAT IS CAPABLE OF RELATING POSITIVELY THROUGH ITS PROGRAM AND FORMATION WITH THE DEMANDS PUT FORTH BY THE PSI AND WIDELY FELT IN THE COUNTRY AND AMONG THE WORKERS AND THAT DOES NOT REFUSE, IN A PREJUDICIAL MANNER, THE SUPPORT OF THE PCI."

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